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POLITICAL MATTERS

COUNTRY ARGENTINA/CUBA

SUBJECT BELIEF THAT A RIGHTIST GROUP
KIDNAPPED THE TWO CUBAN EMBASSY EMPLOYEES.

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EMBASSY OFFICIALS NOW TEND TO BELIEVE THAT THE TWO CUBANS MAY WELL HAVE BEEN SEIZED BY AN ARGENTINE RIGHTIST GROUP, WHICH WANTED TO CREATE DIFFICULTIES FOR THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT. [REDACTED] THE RIGHTIST GROUP, WHILE POSSIBLY OFFICIALLY CONNECTED, MAY NONETHELESS BE OPPOSED TO POLICIES OF THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT, AND THEREFORE KIDNAPPED THE CUBANS TO CAUSE DIPLOMATIC PROBLEMS FOR THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT BY BRINGING ABOUT FRICTION BETWEEN CUBA AND ARGENTINA.

[REDACTED] CUBAN EMBASSY OFFICIALS BELIEVE THE TWO CUBANS ARE ALIVE BUT THAT THEY HAVE PROBABLY BEEN ROUGHED UP AND WILL BE SET FREE WHEN THEY ARE IN BETTER CONDITION. [REDACTED] THE CUBAN AMBASSADOR CONSIDERS THE INCIDENT TO BE SERIOUS AND HOLDS THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT ULTIMATELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RELEASE OF THE TWO CUBANS. THE AMBASSADOR HAS ASSERTED THAT IF THE TWO CUBAN EMPLOYEES DO NOT APPEAR ALIVE AND WELL, A BREAK IN COMMERCIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN CUBA AND ARGENTINA COULD WELL OCCUR. [REDACTED] REPORTS ALLEGING THE DEFECTION OF THE TWO CUBANS WERE COMPLETELY FALSE, AS THERE WERE WITNESSES TO THEIR HAVING BEEN FORCEFULLY TAKEN.

2. [REDACTED] A FEW DAYS PRIOR TO THE DISAPPEARANCE OF THE CUBANS, AN ARGENTINE MAID OF A CUBAN OFFICIAL DISAPPEARED.

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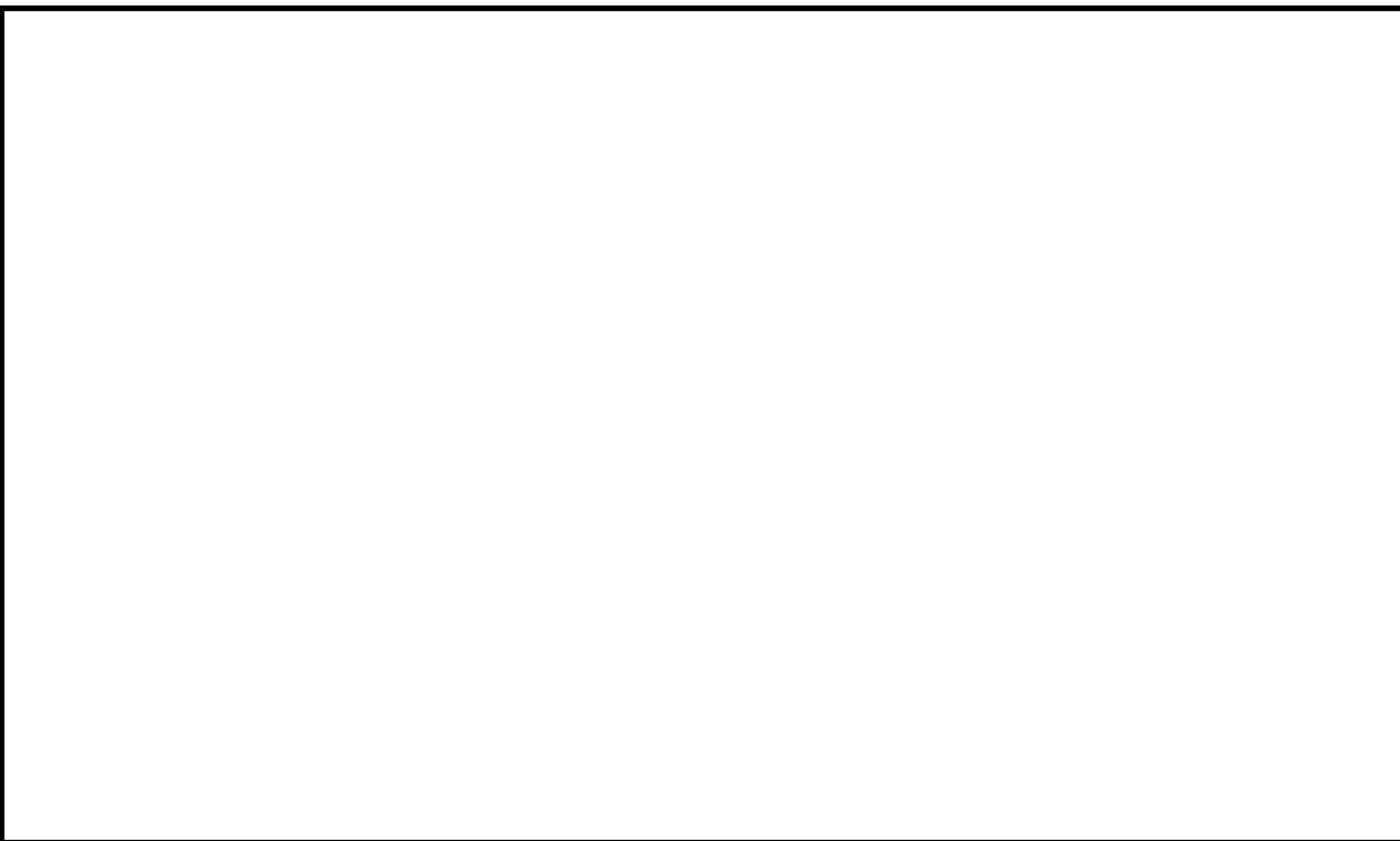
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SHE IS STILL MISSING AND PRESUMED BY THE CUBANS TO BE DEAD.



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COUNTRY: ARGENTINA

SUBJECT: REPORT [REDACTED] DISCUSSING
THE LEFTIST SUBVERSIVE SITUATION DURING THE
PERIOD 19-26 AUGUST 1976; PRESS CONFERENCE
OF THE MONTONEROS

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[REDACTED] WHICH DISCUSSES THE LEFTIST SUBVERSIVE SITUATION FOR THE PERIOD 19-26 AUGUST 1976. ACCORDING TO THIS REPORT, THE MONTONEROS HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE ON 19 AUGUST 1976 OF FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS IN ARGENTINA IN WHICH THE MONTONERO REPRESENTATIVES INFORMED THE PARTICIPANTS THAT IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE THE MONTONEROS WOULD BE CONCENTRATING ON PROPAGANDA/PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS WITH LESS ATTENTION DIRECTED AT MILITANT ACTIVITIES. THE MONTONEROS ASSURED THAT THEY WOULD CONTINUE THE STRUGGLE, BUT THAT THE ORGANIZATION WAS IN NO HURRY AND WOULD WORK BEHIND THE SCENES TO GRADUALLY STRENGTHEN ITS SUPPORT. THE MONTONEROS STATED THAT AS A RESULT OF THE "PLAN OF HUNGER, GRIEF AND UNEMPLOYMENT" OF JOSE MARTINEZ DE HOZ, MINISTER OF ECONOMY, CONDITIONS WERE SUCH THAT PROPAGANDA/PSYCHOLOGICAL ACTIVITIES WERE TACTICALLY THE APPROPRIATE COURSE AT PRESENT FOR THE MONTONEROS TO PURSUE, AND NOT GREAT MILITARY OPERATIONS.

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2. [REDACTED] CONDITIONS IN ARGENTINA ARE SUCH THAT FOR THE MONTONEROS TO CONCENTRATE ON PROPAGANDA ACTIVITIES AND QUIETLY BUILD UP STRENGTH IS THE BEST

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TACTIC. HOWEVER, [REDACTED] THIS COURSE
MAY HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY THE MONTONEROS BECAUSE OF THE
LOSSES, PARTICULARLY IN ITS LOGISTIC APPARATUS, WHICH THE
MONTONEROS HAVE SUFFERED, AS WELL AS A LOWERING OF MORALE
AMONG THE RANKS AS A RESULT OF THE COUNTERSUBVERSIVE CAMPAIGN.

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3. [REDACTED] THE PROCEDURE BY WHICH THE
MONTONEROS ORGANIZED THE PRESS CONFERENCE, [REDACTED]
FIRST A CALL WAS MADE TO THE CORRESPONDENT AT HIS OFFICE
OR HOME ASKING IF HE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING A
PRESS CONFERENCE OF THE MONTONEROS. IF THE CORRESPONDENT

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ACCEPTED, HE WAS ADVISED THAT HE MUST OBEY IN DETAIL A SERIES OF SECURITY MEASURES OR HE WOULD BE KILLED. THE MONTONEROS THEN MADE A SECOND CALL TO THE CORRESPONDENT AT A PHONE NUMBER PROVIDED BY THE LATTER DURING THE FIRST CONVERSATION. THIS SECOND CALL TOOK PLACE SHORTLY BEFORE THE PRESS CONFERENCE WAS HELD, AND THE CORRESPONDENT WAS GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE. THE CORRESPONDENT WAS TOLD TO GO TO A SPECIFIC AREA ON A DESIGNATED STREET AND CARRY A FOLDED MAGAZINE IN HIS LEFT HAND. PER PREARRANGEMENT, A PERSON APPROACHED AND ASKED THE CORRESPONDENT FOR THE TIME. THE LATTER STATED A TIME MORE OR LESS AN HOUR AHEAD OF WHAT WAS THE ACTUAL TIME, AND THE MONTONERO RESPONDED WITH THE COUNTERSIGN "ALL RIGHT". THE CORRESPONDENT WAS THEN TAKEN TO A NEARBY AUTOMOBILE AND WAS TRANSPORTED BLINDFOLDED TO THE SITE OF THE PRESS CONFERENCE. THE PRESS CONFERENCE WAS ATTENDED BY ABOUT TEN MONTONEROS AND TOOK PLACE AT A PRIVATE HOME IN THE VILLA DEL PARQUE SECTION OF THE FEDERAL CAPITAL. NEITHER THE NUMBER NOR IDENTITY OF THE CORRESPONDENTS WHO ATTENDED IS KNOWN [REDACTED]

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4. OTHER THAN THE MONTONERO PRESS CONFERENCE, THE
[REDACTED] OVERALL LEFTIST SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY DURING
THE 19-26 AUGUST PERIOD REMAINED AT ABOUT THE SAME LEVEL
AS THE PREVIOUS PERIOD. [REDACTED] THE
"GUEVARIST YOUTH", WHICH IS THE YOUTH ELEMENT OF THE
"PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY/REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS PARTY"
(ERP/PRT), CONTINUED AS IN PREVIOUS WEEKS WITH A PROPAGANDA
CAMPAIGN, PARTICULARLY IN THE LA PLATA, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE,
[REDACTED] POSSIBILITY THAT THE "GUEVARIST
YOUTH" MAY ATTEMPT TO CONSOLIDATE AND BECOME THE FOREFRONT
OF THE REMNANTS OF THE ERP/PRT. [REDACTED] IN
A RECENT ISSUE OF "EL COMBATIENTE", THE OFFICIAL PUBLICATION
OF THE PRT, THE PRT STATES THAT THUS FAR THE SUBVERSIVE
STRUGGLE OF THE ERP/PRT HAS BEEN DEVELOPED ON THREE
PILLARS--A MARXIST-LENINIST POLITICAL PARTY TO COORDINATE
AND DIRECT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PEOPLE, A POPULAR GUERRILLA
ARMY AND A NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] THE PRT HAS RECENTLY ADDED "INTERNATIONAL
SOLIDARITY" AS A FOURTH PILLAR, CLAIMING THAT NO SUBVERSIVE
MOVEMENT CAN BE SUCCESSFUL WITHOUT INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY

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